Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : The boring is not yet completed. We had some other urgent boring operations in connection with the foundation of a building and so I had to transfer the workmen only for a few days.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : But before two days I proceeded to this place, the case was as I mentioned.

Mr. President: Perhaps you will see a change when you return.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.
The Demand was put and carried.

3. Panchayats—Cranganur Rs. 1,165.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 1,165 under 3-Panchayats, Cranganur. I request the House may be pleased to allow this grant.

The Demand was put and carried.

The House rose for lunch at 1-5 p. m. and reassembled at 2-30 p. m. with the Hon'ble the Deputy President in the Chair.

19. Education.—Rs. 18,68,215.

* **Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): Mr. President, Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 18,68,215 under 19-Education. I do not think that this very straightforward demand, no doubt for a fairly very large sum, needs any special explanation. I think the figures are self-explanatory and the only reason why I make a few remarks in introducing this estimate to this House is that I find a general explanation of the policy of the Government in respect of education may probably help the rapid transactions of business in view of the fairly large number of cut motions that have been tabled under this budget.

Sir, what I wish to point out at the very outset is that these estimates for the ensuing year were framed in pursuance of the policy, implicit or avowed, of the Hon'ble House in respect of educational expenditure. Although the figure stands very high namely 18,68,215 it cannot be new, Sir, for me to submit that this represents the result of the drastic retrenchment in educational expenditure and these retrenchments have been largely in pursuance of a definite policy of economy adumbrated by every section of this House. It is not necessary, Sir, at this

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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